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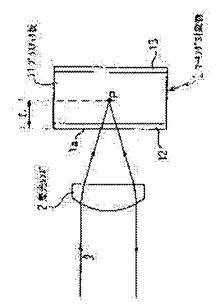
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## (54) LASER MARKING

## (57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To prevent the lowering of the strength of an object, the deterioration of the discriminating properties of a mark or the damage of a surface by converging a laser beam inside the marking object and putting the mark inside the object.

CONSTITUTION: A laser beam I is converged on a point P separated only by a distance of Z1 to the inside from one surface 1a of a marking object 1. The laser beam having energy of one shot and approximately 0.12mJ is oscillated, and the distance Z1 is brought to 1.8mm. Accordingly, since the value of energy density on the surface 1a of laser beam is far smaller than the breakdown threshold of the surface, the surface 1a being not damaged, the melting, change of properties, etc., are



generated near the point P, and the refractive index, transmittance, etc., of the propertychanged section differ from other sections, and the section can be discriminated from the outside and function as a mark.

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